

Council Extends Dirt Truck Deadline

Lumbering dirt trucks will continue to use Madison St. and Hawthorne Blvd. as their route to the local site of the San Diego Freeway for at least another 30 days following an action, granting the extension, by the city council last night.

Use of Madison was supposed to have ended on Dec. 1, charged complainants, who stated that they were jolted from sleep in the early morning hours by the roaring trucks. They added that the vehicles caused traffic hazards, forced them to "eat dirt" and were gradually shaking their houses apart.

Donald E. Wann, a resident of the area, and his

attorney, Arthur Worth, submitted photos to the council which alleged to show that trucks were loading dirt "within 1200 feet of the highway" but were then traveling across the site to turn on to Madison St. Wann indicated that Torrance Sand and Gravel, which is the supplier of the dirt for the freeway, should cut a road across the intervening property to allow the trucks direct access to the highway.

Torrance Sand and Gravel owner, Charles Shepard, stated that the terrain made it almost impossible to cut the road.

He pointed out that dirt on the Hawthorne Ave. sump was not acceptable to state inspectors for free-

way fill and had to be mixed with more solid dirt from the Madison Ave. site.

EXTEND DEADLINE

Councilmen extended the deadline for the additional 30 days on a motion by Councilman Nickolas Drale. Only "no" vote was cast by Councilman Willys Blount.

In other actions the council, on a motion by Blount, agreed to reopen studies on an approved variance, granted last week for construction of apartment units on Madison Ave. between 227th St. and 230th St., after spokesmen for local residents handed in more than 150 written protests to the action. Pro-

tests were signed by home owners in the immediate vicinity of the planned construction.

Action on the issue was held over for one week to allow a vote of the full council.

City also approved a low bid of \$19,520.65, submitted by the Sheets Construction Co., on the proposed improvement of Carson St. through Torrance High Park.

City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier stated that the courts Tuesday ruled in favor of the city in condemnation proceedings, granting an order of immediate possession. Work will be delayed pending an appeal by owners of the property.

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NAB BOOKIE IN RAID

GIFT OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES . . .

Torrance Flyers on Mercy Mission

"Hello, Navy tower. This is Dunder, Blitzen and Comet. Landing instructions, please."

This strange bit of air exchange was picked up late last week out of the cold Northern sky by a startled Navy radio operator on the snow-flurried Naval Air Station at Argentia, Newfoundland.

A few moments later, three four-engine Douglas R5D transports landed on

the runway. Identifying themselves as Lieutenant Commanders Ralph A. Baxter, 5410 Carol Drive, Torrance, and Richard J. Lange, 107 Desford St., Torrance, two of the pilots said they were a part of the air reserve's operation "Peace Torch" mission out of Los Alamitos, enroute for training duty in North Africa and Europe.

Baxter, in civilian life, is a pilot for Western Air

Lines, while Lange is assistant field superintendent for the county sanitation department.

Also aboard the transports was James V. Trosper, aviation machinist mate, 1st class, of 2421 178th St., Torrance in civilian life he serves as a leadman at North American.

Loaded with Christmas gifts of medical supplies, the three transports also carried 100 air reservists from all

parts of Southern California as passengers they set down in the far-North jumping off place for an overnight rest stop before crossing the Atlantic to the Azores and Port Lyautey, Morocco.

The squadron's two week pre-Christmas mission will take them to dozens of cities in the Mediterranean area, as they "fly the line" in support of the U.S. Sixth Fleet. The five tons of vitamins,

food supplements and medical supplies, lashed in the cargo holds of the huge transports, was donated by private firms and individuals throughout Southern California. Included in the goods is an X-Ray machine, consigned to a mission in Ethiopia.

The squadron will return to Los Alamitos in mid-December, according to base officials.

Find Markers, \$3300 Cash in Waveria Apt.

Combined Torrance police and Sheriff's vice squad officers last night raided a Waveria apartment house, suspected of being the headquarters of a local bookmaking ring, and arrested the alleged head of the organization.

Booked at Torrance city jail was Edward Kay, 50, of San Pedro, only occupant of the apartment, located at 25206 Layton St. Also found in the apartment was more than \$3,300 in cash and a number of betting markers. A large sum of money was also found on the suspect's person.

Kay was immediately transferred to Los Angeles County Jail where, local officers said, arrangements were already being made for him to post bail.

Amount of bail was not known.

Arresting officers, which included Lt. Douglas C. Cook of the Torrance detective division, stated that they had heard "rumors" that the San Pedro bookmaking operation was intending to expand their ring into the Torrance area.

Officers alleged that they believed that Kay was the "front man" for the operation and, because of the large number of markers, they all for large sums, and the

amount of money in the apartment at the time of the raid, felt that they had found the "bank."

PAYOFF MAN

They alleged that Kay was probably the payoff man for the smaller operators who made the actual bets on the races.

Chief of Police Percy Bennett, in charge of the entire investigation, said that he felt that local officers and Sheriff's deputies had nipped the entire operation before it had a chance to get started in this area.

Kay is believed to have been operating from the Layton St. address for about five weeks. Officers conjectured that he had set up another headquarters in the area after learning that he had given the apartment owner two weeks notice to move.

Investigators said that other people are believed to have been active in the operation and expect to make further arrests.



WELCOMED TO BOARD — Dr. Kurt T. Shery, center, was officially sworn in and seated on the Torrance board of education Monday night after he was appointed by board members to fill the unexpired term of former member Clinton Cooke.

Cooke has been transferred to his company's plan in Texas. Here Shery is welcomed by Board President William Hanson and members Albert Charles and William Boswell.

—Press Photo

MOVE TO NEW HOME . . .

Torrance Gas Company Executive Named As Lomita Chamber of Commerce Head

Edward J. Gregory, Jr., 23201 Anza St., Torrance was named as president of the Lomita Chamber of Commerce at elections held last week.

Gregory is presently man-

ager of the Southern California Gas Company office in Torrance. He will take over the presidency of the Lomita Chamber in January, outgoing officials reported.

In addition to his Lomita Chamber interests, Gregory is a member of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce and of the Torrance Lions Club.

He is a native of the Los Angeles area and attended UCLA.

A chairman of the Salvation Army's local fund-raising campaign, Gregory also heads the small business division for the current Community Chest drive.

William Bakenius was elected a member of the board of directors recently to succeed Lowell V. Goss who has moved from the Torrance-Lomita area.

Directors also announced that they will move into new offices at 2314 Pacific Coast Highway today.

New Post Office Hours Reported By Postmistress

Torrance Postmistress Clara A. Conner yesterday announced following window service hours during the Christmas season:

Saturday, December 9, until 5:30 p.m. No window service on December 10. Monday, December 11, through Tuesday, December 19, until 6 p.m., except for service on Sunday, December 17, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Windows open at 8:30 a.m. each day.

Above hours of service will be observed at the Main Post Office, 1433 Marcelina Ave., the Post Office Annex, 3611 Torrance Blvd., North Torrance Station, 17415 Crenshaw Blvd., and the Waveria Station, 4110 Pacific Coast Highway.

Normal hours of service, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., will be resumed on Wednesday, December 20.

Men's Club Will Host Candidate Joseph Shell

Joe Shell, Republican candidate for governor of California will be the guest of the Peninsula Republican Men's Club at their January 4 meeting, it was reported yesterday by Ed Rowlett, president of the group.

Shell has promised that he will be present for the group's election meeting on that date when the club will select officers for 1962. Organization is an independent unit and not affiliated with a national group.

At the group's next meeting, tomorrow night at the Fish Shanty in Waveria, members will hear William J. Teague, vice president of Pepperdine College. Teague will report on the dynamic growth program at Pepperdine.

Bus Schedule to Go Into Effect Monday Morning

The new Los Angeles schedule of the Torrance Municipal Bus Lines will go into effect next Monday morning, it was reported by M. A. Chamberlain, superintendent of the city's public transportation service.

City council recently approved adding six trips daily to Los Angeles, Monday through Friday, and eliminating the turnback service at 120th and Vermont. There will be no change in the Saturday and Sunday service, Chamberlain stated.



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NEW MEMBER SWORN IN . . .

School Board Accepts \$437,000 Bid for First Step in Torrance HS 'Facelifting'

Torrance educators and school administrators Monday night welcomed a brand new member of the school board as Dr. Kurt T. Shery, local physician, was sworn into office.

Shery, who ran fourth in a field of 15 candidates and incumbents at the recent board election, was named to succeed Clinton B. Cooke who resigned in order to take a position with his company's Texas plant.

The new board member recently stated that, when appointed to the board, he would make every effort to implement programs

advocated during his campaign.

At the regular business session the board approved the first step toward rebuilding Torrance High School with the approval of a low bid for the new Central Services building.

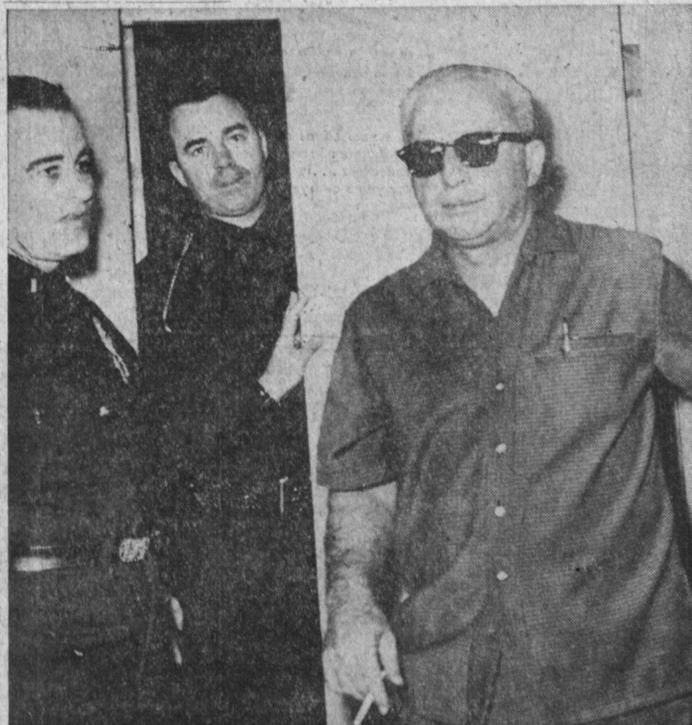
LOW BIDDER

Low bid of \$437,000 was submitted by the Packard Construction Company of Los Angeles. Building, when completed, will house school administration offices and will free eight rooms at the school for classroom purposes. Although original plans were shorn of frills, price

will include fire sprinkler system and fire escapes.

Board also approved the \$152,947 price for grading the 27-acre Navy site. Price will include installation of drainage facilities, gas and water mains and electrical installations.

Also approved were tentative plans submitted by Roy Donley and Associates for a new Torrance Elementary School to be located on the same site which is adjacent to the present school grounds. Building, exclusive of the site development, is expected to cost nearly \$700,000.



SUSPECT BOOKED — Edward Kay, 50, (right) of San Pedro, was booked at Torrance Police Station last night following his arrest in an alleged "bookie" headquarters in Waveria. Officers stated that they believed that Kay was the "front man"

for a bookie ring moving in from the San Pedro area. Also found in the apartment were betting markers and \$3300 in cash. A large sum of money was also found on the suspect's person.

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